

very rich land, and soon arrived to a small Village  
 where Shinghees people were at work preparing their  
 ground for planting potatoes. There was a very fine crop  
 nearly ripe, the land was very dry and rich, and the  
 potatoes mealy. I had never seen finer potatoes under the  
 best culture. When we had walked nearly 2 hills we came  
 to the lake, it might be about 12 miles in circumference  
 and we were informed it emptied itself into the head of a  
 River which runs into the sea on the West side of New Zealand,  
 and was about one hours walk from the lake. The land  
 appeared very good on the North side of it. We amused ourselves  
 about 2 hours in viewing this lake, and neighbouring grounds  
 attached thereto, and then returned to the last Village where  
 we dined off a wild Duck, and potatoes, as also some  
 provisions we had brought with us. The Duck Shinghee  
 shot at the lake. After this we returned to the fortification  
 where we slept that night. Shinghees people here appeared  
 very industrious. They rose at the dawn of Day both men  
 and Women; some were busy making Baskets for Potatoes,  
 others drying Flax, or making clothing: at least, none were  
 remained unemployed. Shinghee and his Brother Tangoroo  
 have a large tract of country similar to one of the counties  
 in England. It extends from the East to the West side of  
 New Zealand and is well watered, we saw much land  
 well adapted for cultivation. Shinghee had near the Village  
 we were at one field which appeared to me to contain 40  
 acres all fenced in with rails and upright stakes tied to them  
 to keep out the pigs. much of it was planted with Turnips,  
 common sweet potatoes and were in high cultivation. They  
 suffer no weeds to grow but with incredible labour and patience  
 root up every thing likely to injure the growing crop. Their  
 Tools of Agriculture are principally made of wood, some formed  
 like a spade and others like a brow bar with <sup>which</sup> they turn over  
 the soil. Axes, hoes and Spades, are much wanted. If these could  
 be obtained their country wd. soon put on a different appearance.